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In re: Pierson et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Dear Madam/Sir:

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/968,959 filed October 1, 2001, now pending. Upon affording this application the proper filing date and prior to examination and calculation of fees, Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered.

**AMENDMENT**

Amendments to the **Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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